

Mr. R. Matthew Priest, Chairman
Committee for the Implementation of
Textile Agreements
U.S. Department of Commerce
14th Street & Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Room H3100A
Washington, D.C. 20230

PUBLIC VERSION

Re: Request under the Commercial Availability Provision of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act

Denim Classifiable Under HTS Subheading 5209.42.00

Dear Mr. Priest:

On behalf of American Design Industries, Managua, Nicaragua, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 203(o)(4) of the Dominican Republic-Central American-United States Free Trade Agreement (“DR-CAFTA”) Implementation Act (“the Act”) and the Federal Register Notice of March 21, 2007 published by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, we submit this request regarding a modification to the list of fabrics, yarns and fibers not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the countries of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade agreement, and request that the subject fabrics be placed on a timely basis on the list in Annex 3.25 of the Agreement.

DETAILED PRODUCT INFORMATION

The fabric in question is denim classified under HTS subheading 5209.42.00 in which the complete fabric specifications are shown in the accompanying Attachment.

QUANTITY

American Design Industries requires that ** linear meters of the subject fabrics, be delivered to its facility within **. American Design Industries wishes to use the fabrics in Nicaragua for the production and subsequent export to the United States of apparel items.

DUE DILIGENCE

We have contacted all textile mills in the Cafta DR region known to us to make fabrics similar to the subject fabrics and listed in detail in the Otexa website. None has indicated an ability to or interest in supplying these fabrics. We also contacted the three associations representing the U.S. textile industry and neither they nor any of their extensive number of members has communicated to us any interest in supplying the subject fabrics. We contacted all US Suppliers under the OTEXA US Supplier directory website database for Apparel Fabrics in twill denim. We also sent inquiries to the national associations representing the textile industries

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of Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua, and received no expressions of ability or interest in supplying the subject fabrics.

The information below specifies the firms and associations that were contacted with regard to whether they could make the subject fabrics described in the Attachment. All communications were done via email.

Regional Industry Associations:

ONE

Association:	Cateco, Costa Rica
Address:	Apartado 1512 1002 Paseo de Estudiantes, San Jose, CR (cateco@racsa.co.cr)
Date Contacted:	March 24, 2009
Nature of Request:	Contact information for members capable of producing subject fabric (1A)
Follow up:	March 26, 2009 Second request for information. (1B)
Reply and Date:	No Reply (Note: A diligent search has failed to identify any mill in Costa Rica capable of making the subject fabrics.)

TWO

Association:	CNZFE, Consejo Nacional de Zona Francas de Exportacion
Address:	5to Piso del Edificio San Rafael en la Av Leopoldo Navarro No. 61, Santo Domingo Dominican Republic Luisa Fernandez Duran, Excecutive Director (a.cnzfe@cnzfe.gov.do) Mayra Tejada, Assistant Executive Director (m.tejada@cnzfe.gov.do) Daniel Liranzo, Executive Subdirector,(d.liranzo@cnzfe.gov.do) Richard Benoit, Legal Advisor ,(r.benoit@cnzfe.gov.do)
Date Contacted:	March 24, 2009

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Nature of Request: Contact information for members capable of producing subject fabric. (2A)
Reply and Date: All emails are not in service March 24, 2009 (2B)
Follow up: Silvia Conchon, Promtion and International Business
s.cochon@cnzfe.gov.do (2C)
Reply and Date: Email is not in service March 24, 2009 (2D)
Follow up: Called OFFICIAL Phone Numbers in site (809) 686-8077
Reply and Date: Phone is not in service, March 24, 2009
Follow up: April 3, 2009 Listed phone numbers are not in service.
(Note: A diligent search has failed to identify any mill in Dominican Republic capable of making the subject fabrics.)

THREE

Association: Vestex Comission, Guatemala
Address: 15 Ave. 14-72 Zone 13, 2nd Floor
vestex@apparel.com.gt
Karin de Leon (Market Access Excecutive)
kdeleon@apparel.com.gt
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009
Nature of Request: Contact information for members capable of producing subject fabric (3A)
Reply and Date: March 24, 2009, Full List of Mills is Provided and Vestex has indicates which mills produce denim and/or twill. Karin de Leon will inform all Guatemalan companies. (3B)

FOUR

Association: AHM, Asociacion Hondurena de Maquiladores
Address: Edificio Yude Canahuati 3 y 4 Piso, Avenida Circunvalacion S. O., Honduras
Angela Castillo (promotion)
promocion@ahm-honduras.com
Grisel Oseguera (promotion)
promocion2@ahm-honduras.com
Nelie Cruz (promotion)
promocion3@ahm-honduras.com
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009
Nature of Request: Contact information for members capable of producing subject fabric (4A)

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Reply and Date: March 24 2009 HMA Astrid Vanesa Barnica informs us that the organization will send our fabric specifications to all members, and that Honduras mills will contact us if they are able to produce and supply. (4B)

Follow up: March 24 2009 We request list of mills in Honduras. (4C)

Reply and Date: March 24, 2009, Full List of 15 Mills is Provided, all and each is contacted respectively. Details follow. (4D)

FIVE

Association: Camtex, El Salvador

Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 = WebSite DOWN (5A)
(Note: A diligent search has failed to identify any mill in El Salvador capable of making the subject fabrics.)

SIX

Association: Anitec, Nicaragua
Director@anitec.com.ni
Dean Garcia, Executive Director

Date Contacted: March 24, 2009

Nature of Request: Contact information for members capable of producing subject fabric (6A)
EMAIL DOWN (6B)

Follow up: March 26, 2009 Second request for information . (6C)

Reply and Date: EMAIL DOWN (6D)

Follow up: March 30, 2009 Called official phone numbers, both local and cellular listed number; Local number is down, cellular posted is wrong number

SEVEN

Association(s): National Coalition of Textile Organizations
910 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC

Individual(s) Contacted: Cass M. Johnson, President

Date(s) Contacted: April 3, 2009 by Luis Mantica (7A)
April 10, 2009 by Luis Mantica (7B)

Reply and Date: No reply

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EIGHT

Association(s): American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition
910 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC
Individual(s) Contacted: Augustine Tantillo, Executive Director
Date(s) Contacted: April 3, 2009 by Luis Mantica (8A)
April 10, 2009 by Luis Mantica (8B)
Reply and Date: No reply

NINE

Association: National Textile Association
6 Beacon Street
Boston, MA
Individual Contacted: John Trumbull, President
Date Contacted: April 3, 2009 by Luis Mantica (9A)
Reply and Date: April 9, 2009 Trumbull publishes on official website ADI's request to all members, which includes up to 300 daily subscribers: (9B)
Web AD: <http://nationaltextile.blogspot.com/2009/04/nicaraguan-company-seeks-denim-fabric.html#links> (9C)
WebAd: http://www.wikio.co.uk/international/americas/central_america/nicaragua
Reply and Date: April 24, 2009 Trumbull indicated that its members did not communicate any interest in supplying the subject fabrics (9D)

Cafta DR Mills:

TEN

Mill: Cia Textil C.A., S.A.,
Address: PO Box 1411-1000, San Jose
Costa Rica
ctextil@racsa.co.cr
Individual Contacted: Jose Nowalski, General Manager
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (10A)
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Reply and Date: No reply received.

ELEVEN

Mill: Maquila Textil de la Union,
(506) 2290-6138
Costa Rica
mtutex@racsa.co.cr

Individual Contacted: Mario Ossenbach, General Manager

Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (11A)

Reply and Date: March 24 2009, Mr. Ossenbach confirms he cannot provide fabrics (11B)

TWELVE

Mill: Tejidos y Confecciones Palmares

Address: **Palmares**
Costa Rica
Tejidosyconf_palm@racsa.co.cr

Individual Contacted: Jose Pacheco, General Manager

Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (12A)
March 26, 2009 Second Request for Information (12B)

Reply and Date: No reply received.

THIRTEEN

Mill: Tejidos y Colores Rosario, SA

Address: 50 metros norte del Plantel del ICE, Santa Fe de Pavas
Costa Rica
rmctector@racsa.co.cr

Individual Contacted: Rodolfo Molina, General Manager

Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (13A)

Reply and Date: Email no longer in service (13B)

Follow Up: Visit website and sent internal request for contact information on person responsible for supplying fabrics.

Reply and Date: No reply

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Mill: AKH S.A,
Address: Parque Industrial Green Valler, C Occidente, KM. 24m Quimistan,
Santa Barbara
Honduras
teamm@anvilknitwear.com
Individual Contacted: Tem Mcinville, General Manager
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (14A)
March 26, 2009 Second request for information (14B)
Reply and Date: No reply received.

FIFTEEN

Mill: Caracol Knits,
Address: Zona Libre Caracol, Km. 200 C a Tegucigalpa
Honduras
Ceiba Textiles
Zona Libre Caracol, Km. 200 C a Tegucigalpa
Honduras
dcastellanos@caracolknits.com
Individual Contacted: Denisse Castellanos, General Manager
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (15A)
March 26, 2009 Second Request for Information (15B)
Reply and Date: March 26, 2009 Denisse Castellanos confirms they cannot
produce subject fabrics (15C)

SIXTEEN

Mill: Cottonwise Textiles S.A,
Address: Bo Cabañas, 16 CII. 15 y 16 Ave. S.E. San Pedro Sula
Honduras
cwkim@cottonwise.com
Individual Contacted: Chan Wun Kim, General Manager
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (16A)
March 26, 2009 Second Request for Information (16B)
Reply and Date: No reply received.

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SEVENTEEN

Mill: Elcatex S.A,
Address: Zip Tex, Choloma, Cortes
Honduras
chuy@elcatex.com
Individual Contacted: Jesus Canahuati, General Manager
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (17A)
March 26, 2009 Second Request for Information (17B)
Reply and Date: No reply received.

EIGHTEEN

Mill: Gildan Activewear S.A,
Address: Parque Industrial San Miguel VI, Rio Nance, Choloma
Honduras
aduran@gildan.com
Individual Contacted: Alfonso Duran, General Manager
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (18A)
March 26, 2009 Second Request for Information (18B)
Reply and Date: No reply received.

NINETEEN

Mill: Industrias Continental,
Address: Km12, 300Mts al Suz Pronorsa, Bufalo, Villanueva, Cortes
Honduras
Roberto.diban@dibangroup.com
Individual Contacted: Roberto Diban, General Manager
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (19A)
Reply and Date: March 25, 2009 Confirms it cannot supply fabrics (19B)

TWENTY

Mill: Laticom S. de R.L. de C.V.,
Address: Zip Rio Blanco Calle 1 No Casa 22
Honduras
Batres.carol@hotmail.com

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Individual Contacted: Vilma Carolina Batres Cervantes, General Manager
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (20A)
March 26, 2009 Email no longer in service (20B)

TWENTY ONE

Mill: RLA Manufacturing,
Address: Zona Libre La Jutosa, Choloma, Cortes
Honduras
rodriguezerik@russellcorp.com
Individual Contacted: Erik Rodriguez, General Manager
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (21A)
March 26, 2009 Second Request for Information (21B)
Reply and Date: No reply received.

TWENTY TWO

Mill: Roman Knit Honduras,
Address: Green Valley Industrial Park, Lote 7B, Km 23, Quimistan Santa
Barbara
Honduras
wmodenessy@rkhsa.com
Individual Contacted: Wilfredo Modenesst, General Manager
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (22A)
March 26, 2009 Second Request for Information (22B)
Reply and Date: No reply received.

TWENTY THREE

Mill: Simtex International,
Address: Edif #9 Green Valley Industrial Park, Km. 23 C S Occidente,
Quimistan, Santa Barbara
Honduras
azavala@simtex-international.com
Individual Contacted: Aldo Craso Zavala, General Manager
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (23A)
Reply and Date: March 24, 2009 Simtex confirms it cannot supply (23B)

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TWENTY FOUR

Mill: Woong Chun Honduras S.A,
Address: Km. 19.5 C a Occidente, Naco Sta. Barbara
Honduras
honduras@woongchun.com
Individual Contacted: Chan Wun Kim, General Manager
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (24A)
March 26, 2009 Second Request for Information (24B)
Reply and Date: No reply received.

TWENTY FIVE

Mill: Ametex,
Address: 43 calle 19-66 Zona 12
Guatemala
americatextil@inteln.net.gt
Individual Contacted: Marco Tulio Bautista, General Manager
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (25A)
March 26, 2009 Second Request for Information (25B)
Reply and Date: No reply received.

TWENTY SIX

Mill: Industrial Textil (Indutex),
Address: 29 calle 3-03 Zona 12
Guatemala
administracion@toallasfaxel.com
Individual Contacted: Elmer Leonel Chinguichon, General Manager
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (26A)
March 26, 2009 Second Request for Information (26B)
Reply and Date: No reply received.

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TWENTY SEVEN

Mill: Industrias Liztex,
Address: Parques del Lago Km. 30.5 Ruta al Pacifico Amatitlan
Guatemala
Roytex
Parques del Lago Km. 30.5 Ruta al Pacifico Amatitlan
Guatemala
saul@liztex.com
Individual Contacted: Saul Mishan, General Manager
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (27A)
March 26, 2009 Second Request for Information (27B)
Reply and Date: No reply received.

TWENTY EIGHT

Mill: Monte Textil,
Address: Km. 18.5 Carretera a Mayan Golf Club Villa Nueva
Guatemala
Frazima,
Km. 18.5 Carretera a Mayan Golf Club Villa Nueva
Guatemala
juancarlos@textisur.com
Individual Contacted: Juan Carlos Castaneda, General Manager
Date Contacted: March 24, 2009 by Luis Mantica (28A)
Reply and Date: March 25, 2009 Monte Responds it can supply fabrics and sends attachment of 4 page power point presentation on their company generals (28B)
Follow Up: March 26, 2009 ADI requests basic info on Monte, abilities and quantities it has produced in the past and may produce monthly (28C)
Reply and Date: March 30, 2009 Monte sends emails stating it can produce 100,000 yards per month of "a fabric" (no specification of which fabric is given) (28D)
Follow Up: March 30, 2009 ADI requests specifications of fabric offered with quantity of 100,000 yards per month offered by Monte, and

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Follow Up: inquires for a Second Time to report the quantity Monte has supplied the subject product in the last 24 months (28E)
April 2, 2009 ADI (Second Request) specifications of fabric offered with quantity of 100,000 yards per month offered by Monte, and inquires for a Third Time to report the quantity Monte has supplied the subject product in the last 24 months (28F)

Reply and Date: April 2, 2009 Monte sends email "will do"... (28G)

Follow Up: April 14, 2009 ADI requests once more information to substantiate offer with concrete details of operation and examine validity (28H)

Reply and Date: April 15, 2009 Monte Textil responds it can only supply fabric #1 and #2; confirms it cannot supply fabric #3, #4, #5, #6, #7. (28I)

TWENTY NINE

Mill: ACG DENIM
980 6th avenue, 2nd floor
New York, NY 10018

Mill: AMERICAN COTTON GROWERS
PO Box 430
Littlefield, Texas 79339
jack.mathews@pcca.com

Individual(s) Contacted: Jack Mathews, Vice President – Sales

Date(s) Contacted: May 5, 2009 by Luis Mantica (29A)
May 7, 2009 by Luis Mantica (29B)

Reply and Date: May 7, 2009 Jack Mathews confirms it cannot supply. (29C)

THIRTY

Mill: Pro Textiles Inc
19 West 34th St #911
New York, NY 10001
protiles@earthlink.net

Individual(s) Contacted: Madelaine Senter, Vice President

Date(s) Contacted: May 5, 2009 by Luis Mantica (30A)

Reply and Date: May 5, 2009 Madelaine Senter, asking if only USA origin (30B)
May 7, 2009 by Luis Mantica (30C)

Reply and Date: May 7, 2009 Madelaine Senter says it cannot supply, expresses that no US mill can supply our fabrics (30D)

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THIRTY-ONE

Mill:	PRIDE INTERNATIONAL CORP 224 W 35 th Street Suite 408 New York, NY 10001 sales@pridefabrics.com
Individual(s) Contacted:	Paul Mahanna, President
Date(s) Contacted:	May 5, 2009 by Luis Mantica (31A) May 7, 2009 by Luis Mantica (31B)
Reply and Date:	No reply

As a result of these inquiries, American Design Industries is firmly of the conviction that the subject fabrics are not available in the region.

SUBSTITUTABLE PRODUCTS

No fabrics which differ from the fiber content, thread counts and plied yarn sizes set forth in the Attachment. Fabrics not satisfying all of these criteria are not substitutable for the subject fabrics. No fabric which differs from the specifications set forth in the Exhibit is substitutable for the subject fabric and will not be accepted by American Design Industries or, more importantly, its customer.

If you have any questions or require further information with regard to this request, please contact Luis Carlos Mantica at (505) 888-58110 or *via* e-mail to American.design.industries@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Luis Carlos Mantica
Managing Partner

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ATTACHMENT

HTS Subheading:	5209.42.00
Fiber Content:	96% to 97% cotton 4% to 3% spandex
Average Yarn Number:	18/IMC; 30/IMC
Thread Count:	39 warp ends x 19 filling picks per Square Centimeter
Weave Type:	3 Thread Twill
Weight:	343.45-415.58 grams/m2
Width:	132.08 to 137.16 centimeters
Finish:	Yarn Dyed; Stone Washed (Indigo)

Variance allowance of up to three percent for content, ten percent for yarn size, ten percent for thread count, and ten percent for fabric width.